

March 1, 2010

STATE BILL 206

**AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL LAND USE AGENCIES AND THE SITING OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS**

Good morning, I'm Ron Faanes of Transylvania Road in Roxbury. I'm here to ask your support of Senate Bill 206. The reason is a proposal by AT&T to construct a cell tower in the Transylvania Road neighborhood of Roxbury, Connecticut. I am present today because AT&T is encroaching on neighborhoods and the incomprehensible action of our congress in passing the Federal Communications Act of 1996 providing wireless companies the right to supersede State and local Zoning ordinances in site determination. An example of the threat to our communities is the AT&T proposal to construct a 170-foot tower located in the most densely populated section of our town of 27 Sq miles with a population of 2300, literally in a neighbor's backyard.

I chose to live in Litchfield County for many reasons: the beauty and privacy of the diverse woodlands, the excellent school systems, the close-knit small-town community, in my case the safety of a seldom-traveled dirt road. My life time investment is in my home I paid a premium to live in this specific town and neighborhood.

I **strongly** protest AT&T's lack of respect for the country side and the surrounding environment which threatens the entire State. As I'm sure you are all aware, real estate is considered a uniquely-valued resource. In these difficult economic times, we want to protect our investment against an outside corporate interest seeking to destroy local environment and ecology. My concerns are many: often lack of investigation into alternate sites; redundancy in coverage; alternative solutions; impact on natural diversity and local endangered species; impact on identified vernal pools; impact on our town-maintained dirt road from newly-installed industrialized driveways which are non compliant with local Zoning regulations. Approval of the proposed site in Roxbury will put an economic burden on the Town of Roxbury to maintain the dirt road through our community which is not a concern of AT&T. There are documented health concerns, within a 1500 ft radius of the tower in our case at least 10 small children which is not an issue as directed by the Federal Communications Act. Most of my and your neighbors are nurturing a lifetime investment in their homes. A cell tower, visible from many front lawns and backyards, poses a considerable influence on the appraised and comparative value of our most major investment.

I'm asking this assembly to support to support State Bill 206.

Thank You For Your Time,



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